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Reward Increased in Springfield Church Arson

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan, Springfield Fire Commissioner Gary Cassanelli, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Special Agent in-Charge Glenn Anderson and Special Agent in Charge of the New England Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Warren Bamfield announced the reward has been increased from up to \$5,000 to up to \$10,000 for information that leads to an arrest and conviction in the November 5, 2008 arson fire at the New Macedonian Church of God.

Coan said, "The investigative team believes that someone in the community may have information that will help solve this case. We hope that this increase in the reward will encourage anyone with any relevant information to come forward and contact the statewide, confidential Arson Hotline at 1-800-682-9229." The original \$5,000 reward is part of the Arson Watch Reward Program, sponsored by the property and casualty underwriting companies of Massachusetts. The additional \$5,000 reward is sponsored by the ATF.

The joint investigation by the Springfield Arson & Bomb Squad, State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the ATF and the FBI is continuing.

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